



As much as the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Ladie, is credible enformed that the infection of the plague is at this present in sundry places in & about the Citie of London, and in other places neere adioyning to the same, whereas by the continuance thereof, through the greater repaie and resorte of her louing subiectes, great perill and daunger myght not onely ensue vnto her most royall person, but also to her most louing subiectes, repairing thither for their suites and causes, and thereby also geue occasion of dispersing of the same in other partes of the Realme: Her Maiestie for the sayde necessarie considerati- ons, and hoping that the same will by the goodnesse of almyghtie God, with the coldnesse of the yere, and such holosome orders as are taken in her sayde Citie, the rather cease by the adournement of parte of this next Terme of Saint Michael now at hande, from the vtas of the same, vntill the fourth returne of the sayde Terme, called Mensis Michaelis next comming. Her Maiestie therefore of her especiall fauour and cle- mencie, is pleased and contented to adiourne the sayde Terme of Saint Michael, that is to say, from the vtas thereof, vnto the sayde fourth returne of the sayde Terme, called Mensis Michaelis next comming, which her Maiestie signifieth to all and singular her louing subiectes of this her Realme, to thintent that they and euery of them which hath cause or com- mandement to appeare in any of her highnesse Courtes at Westminster, in or at any day or tyme from and after the sayde vtas of Saint Michael, may tarry at their dwellinges, or where their busines otherwyle shall lie, without resorting to a- ny of the sayde Courtes for that cause, before Mensis Michaelis next comming, and that without daunger of forfaiture, pe- naltie, or contempt to incurre towarde her highnesse in that behalfe. And neuerthelesse her Maiesties pleasure is, that two of her Iustices, that is to say of eyther Benche one, shal the first day of Michaelmas Terme, called Octabis Michaelis, according to the auncient order of her lawes, kepe the Essoynes of the sayde Octabis Michaelis: at which vtas of Saint Mi- chael, wyttes of adiournement shalbe directed to the said Iustices, geuing them auctoritie to adiourne the sayde Terme of Saint Michael, that is to say, from the vtas thereof, vntill Mensis Michaelis, as before is sayde: And the sayde adiourn- ment shalbe made in the first day of the sayde vtas, commonly called the day of the Essoynes. And further her Maiesties pleasure is, that all matters, causes, and suites depending in any of her other Courtes betweene partie and partie, as in her highnesse Courtes of Chauncerie, Starre chamber, and Exchequer, Courtes of wardes & Liuries, Duchie of Lan- caster, and Courte of requestes, shall haue continuance, and the parties shall haue day from the date of these presentes vnto Mensis Michaelis, as before is sayd.

Provided alway, and her Maiesties pleasure and commaundement is, that all Collectours, Receauers, Sheriffes, and other accomptauntes, & all other persons that shoulde or ought to accompte or pay any summe or summes of mony in any of her Maiesties Courte of Exchequer, Courtes of wardes & Liuries, or of her Duchie of Lancaster, or in any of them, or to enter into any accompt in any of the same Courtes, shall repaie vnto the accustomed places at Westminster, where her highnesse hath appoynted such officers and ministers, as for that purpose her Maiestie hath thought expedient, and there to pay and do in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of adiournement had ben had or made.

And her highnesse further pleasure and commaundement is, that al Sheriffes shal returne their wyttes and processe, agaynst all suche accomptauntes and debtors at the dayes therein appoynted. And yf any person or persons, who ought to accompte or pay any summe or summes of money to her Maiestie in any the Courtes and places aforesayde, do make default therein: that then her highnesse wyttes and processe shalbe awarded and sent forth agaynst euery such person and persons, and the same to be duely and orderly serued and returned by the Sheriffes and officers thereunto appoynted, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as the same shoulde haue ben if this presente Proclamation had not ben made. And yf any Sheriffe or other Officer shall make default, or be negligent in seruyng, executyng, and returnyng of anye the wyttes and processe aforesayde: that then euery suche Sheriffe and other Officer shal incurre suche paynes and penalties, as by the sayde Courtes or any of them shalbe taxed and assessed: willyng and commaundyng all and euery of her Ma- iesties Sheriffes, officers, ministers, & subiectes, to whom it doth or shall appertayne, to obserue & keepe theyr assemblies, and apparaunces, with al theyr Returnes and Certificates in her hyghnesse said Courtes at Westminster in Mensis Michaelis next commyng, then and there to be holden and kept, and there to do theyr offices and dueties in euery behalfe, in like maner and fourme, as they shoulde or ought to haue done yf this present Proclamation had not ben had or made, as they will aunswere to the contrary at theyr perils.

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God saue the Queene.

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